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Court Of Justice UN Set Scheduled

The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that the first commemorative stamps of 1961 will be issued February 13. Two in number, they will commemorate the International Court of Justice.



Printing will be by the photo-gravure process in denominations of 4c (brown, black and yellow) and 8c (green, black and yellow), by the Government Printing Bureau, Tokyo, Japan. The size of the stamps will be 27mm horizontal x 40mm perforation to perforation.

The quantities will be 4c—2,750,000 and 8c—2,500,000. The set which was designed by Kurt Plowitz of UN Graphic Presentation, is another in the series of UN commemoratives depicting the work of the UN Specialized Agencies.

Further details about the adhesives, and instructions regarding the purchase of first day covers will be released approximately six weeks before the first day of issue.

Reprint of 10c Airmail Stamp — The 10c airmail stamp which was issued November 16, 1951 was reprinted for the fifth time in November 1960 in a quantity of 500,000. The sheets carry no control numbers and are perforated through all margins.

Imperfection on Souvenir Sheet — Two small imperfections have been brought to the attention of the printers of the 15th anniversary souvenir sheet, the British American Bank Note Company Ltd. of Ottawa, Canada.

Part of the serif in the "i" and "y" in "Anniversary" did not print. The explanation given by the printers was that a small piece of metal in the printing plate had become dislodged at the base of these two letters and remained undetected; there are, consequently, a number of sheets in circulation with these small flaws, the exact number being unknown.

Cancellations—The UN Day stamps honoring the 15th anniversary of the United Nations, issued October 24 in the 4c and 8c denominations resulted in 734,943 first day covers. Of these, 256,699 bore souvenir sheets.

It is of interest to note that prior to the first day of issue approximately 22,000 mint orders were received and processed for the 15th anniversary issue, compared to 7600 orders for the previous commemorative issue. Orders for first day covers totalled approximately 44,000, compared to 30,000 for the previous issue.

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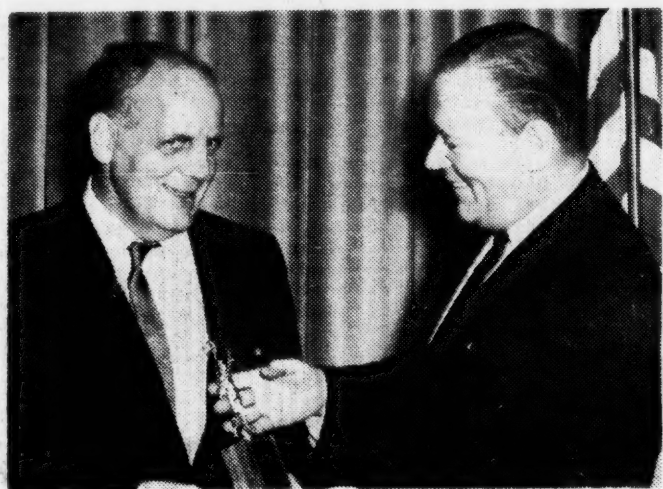
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CHAIRMAN GUSTAVE WITTENBERG of the Stephen G. Rich Memorial Contest Committee (left), and William G. Connolly, President of The France and Colonies Group display the "Best In Show" trophy won by John B. Morton of Buffalo, N.Y., for his entry of Paris cancellations.

Canada Announces Northland 5c Commem For February 8; First Day Services At Ottawa

A new size five-cent postage stamp, a tribute to the development of Canada's Northland and the increasing activity there in recent years, will be issued February 8, according to Canadian Postmaster General William Hamilton.

This stamp depicts a large modern earth-moving machine and a surveyor with a transit below a compass rose. Lines of latitude and longitude illustrate the great expanse of Canada's last frontier in the north.

The design as a whole emphasizes the prodigious activity being directed to the development of these parts of the country, Mr. Hamilton stated. The background of the stamp will be red and the lettering and foreground will be green.



The PMG pointed out that in recent years, the economy and society of the Northwest Territories have been changed and vitalized by the Federal Government's northern development program. Potential riches in minerals and oil revealed by geological survey have

attracted exploration on a large scale.

Settlements like Frobisher Bay and Inuvik have emerged as main centers of population. The isolation of the North has been broken by improvements in airfields, radio facilities, navigation routes, and roads into the resource-rich areas.

Mr. Hamilton said the stamp emphasizes the changing concept of Canada's North from a remote land of untapped possibilities to an active and vital segment of the Canadian economy. He declared that the government programs in mining, communications and other fields have already begun to move many aspects of northern development from

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France And Colonies Group Is Nerve Center For Big Array Of French Community Students

Ira Zweifach

Long a mecca for collectors specializing in the stamps of France, her colonies, mandates, protectorates, and the French Community of Nations, the France and Colonies Group offers equal opportunity to the newcomer and veteran alike. Almost twenty years old, the society provides all those pleasures and services expected from a nation-wide philatelic organization of major importance. It is dedicated to service to its membership and to the dissemination of philatelic knowledge.

The society was founded in 1941 by Dr. Charles Vaurie and Raoul Lesgor, two keen students of French philately. It has had a long and distinguished history.

From the very beginning emphasis has always been put upon the understanding of stamps and their postal history, rather than on the usual stamp club aspects — the buying and trading of stamps to the exclusion of all else.

This has been a vital factor in keeping the club alive and its standing among philatelists of the highest.

The Group became nation-wide almost from the time of its inception and has continued to spread ever since. It has many members in Canada as well, and not a few outside the continental limits of North America.

Many of the most distinguished students and collectors of stampdom may be found on the Group's membership list, and the contributions of these men to the lore of philately is large, indeed.

Famous among French specialists are three fine reference works written and published by Mr. Lesgor. They are "The Cancellations of French Stamps of the Classic Issues", written with Meade Minnigrode, "France, 19th Century Specialized" and "France, 20th Century Specialized".

Brainerd Kremer, another Group member, is widely known for his "Check List of the Numeral Cancellations Used by the Post Offices of France" and his especially fine "French Philatelic Facts" series.

Charles Neidorf whose amazing researches into the "Tour Hassan" issue of Morocco earned for him

an award from The Collectors Club of N. Y., is still another of the great students whose name may be found on the Group's roster of members.

Robert Stone whose "French Colonies, The General Issues" also won him a Collectors Club award, and whose work will soon be published as a handbook of The Steinway Fund of that club, is another illustrious member of the Group.

And, gone but never to be forgotten, is Stephen Rich, whose myriad articles on the stamps of France have appeared and still appear in philatelic journals all over the world. Steve Rich did much for the F&CG and will always be revered by it.

The list is endless and is constantly being added to. Other notable contributors to the fame and enduring quality of the group are Charles Bretagne, its corresponding secretary and Nathan Hals, who recently completed a monumental work on the Newspaper Stamps of France which saw publication in "The Collectors Club Philatelist".

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National Advance
On Pakistan Sets

Ernest A. Kehr

Four stamps have been issued by
Pakistan which point up the pro-
gress made by this nation under
extreme handicaps in attaining self-
sufficiency. They comprise two sepa-
rate sets, one of which was pro-
duced by Thomas de la Rue of Lon-
don; the other, by the Pakistan Se-
curity Printing Corp. in Karachi.

The latter set consists of a pair
of engraved stamps to mark the
golden jubilee of the Punjab Agri-
cultural College, in Lyallpur. The
2 annas carmine and blue depicts
the main building of the college,
established in 1910, to train native
students for the conversion of the
Punjab district's desert wastelands
into fertile fields.

They converted vast desert areas
into prime farm lands, domestical-
ly growing the food necessary for a
population which otherwise would
have had to import supplies at a
time when the nation had no foreign
exchange. The 8a. violet and green
depicts the college's crest.

The other set, rotoengraved in
London, has a common design for
both the 2a. brown, pink and
green, and 14a. blue, green and yel-
low. It is an allegory representing
the developments of basic democ-
racies, land reforms and rehabili-
tation during the two years since the
Revolution by which F. M. Moham-
med Ayub Khan became president.
The design features a house and
trowel at the left to symbolize ef-
forts made for rehabilitation
throughout the two parts of Pakis-
tan. In the center is a tilled field
representing drastic land reforms
planned by President Ayub Khan,
while at the right is a column sup-
ported by building blocks, indica-
tive of the two-part government and
provincial councils.

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erous offers to help, but rather than
become affiliated with the Reds,
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ises to add many other industries
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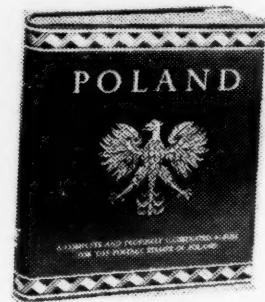
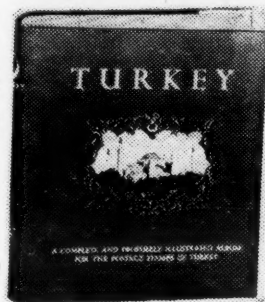
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The December 1, 1960 issue of Coin World carries a reading notice in which a reward of \$10,000 is offered for information "leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who participated in the M. L. Kaplan, Mel Came, Harry Forman or Marcel Silton robberies", and also for information "LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSONS BUYING THE STOLEN COINS AND MONIES".



GEORGE W. LINN

These four large robberies involving thousands of dollars worth of rare coins and related items have occurred in recent months. The sum of \$10,000 is deposited in a Cincinnati, Ohio bank ready to be paid for the desired information. The announcement of this reward is made by Mr. Sol Kaplan, executive vice president of the Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio.

What a contrast between stealing stamps and coins! It is apparent that stamp thieves can have an easy time of it, but not so when thieves work on big coin men.

It is stated that the FBI is taking a serious look into these coin thefts and it is certain that the big coin men of the country through their organization mean business.

This action by the P.N.G. might well suggest to the American Stamp Dealers Assn. a proper way to act in instances of this nature. I would recommend that in event of a future theft of considerable magnitude that the ASDA, also the leading stamp societies pool their efforts and ask for contributions of \$1 or more from members who I feel would gladly give if they knew the money was to be used to protect their stamp collections. For brother, yours might be the next one stolen.

Had our stamp collector groups made an offer such as this the man who sold the stolen Gerber and Hindes stamps would have had a hard time selling them, but when nobody cares, such sales are easily made.

It appears clearly evident that no great effort was made by anyone to punish those guilty in these stamps thefts. The name and address of the man who introduced the seller to the buyer of these two lots of stamps is well known to us as well as to the FBI and other authorities. Certainly this man could have been prosecuted, and the man who accepted the check for the stamps could have been prosecuted. Who is to blame for lack of action in both cases?

From Mr. Al Wilmarth with Radio Station WHAI of Greenfield, Mass. we have information that AP reports state that some of the loot stolen from the CAME residence or from his auto has been recovered through FBI activity. If the FBI can recover stolen coins why can they not recover stolen stamps?

The British Are Deserting The Agencies

Stamp Collecting of London took a poll recently. It inquired how many collectors of British Colonial stamps, such as the countries that have been recently given their freedom and have entered into contracts with agencies, are marking such colonies off their collecting list. The first results of this poll are mentioned in the clipping below, from the November 4, issue of Stamp Collecting.

"To our probe in the fourth question, as to whether or not readers had discontinued collecting 'specific colonies or ex-colonies' because new issues from them were too frequent, there was a very clear-cut result. Just 86 per cent of the replies put Ghana at the head of the list of those countries which have been 'excommunicated'. It was significant, too, that the other country apparently heading for disaster was Nigeria, which had a score of 22 per cent malcontents. The significance, of course, lies in the fact that Nigeria has only just entered the 'private agency field' but the effect of this decision on the part of the Nigerian Government is already becoming clear.

"Hard on the heels of Nigeria were the Maldive Islands, once again a territory which has recently gone out of the Crown Agents' orbit. Two other countries seem to be heading for disfavour by a substantial minority opinion; they were India and Malaya. Cyprus appeared on the list and it might be a warning light to the Cyprus Post Office as to what can happen should they part company with the Crown Agents."

A Solution For The O. G. Problem

Mr. S. W. Frost of the Department of Agriculture of the Pennsylvania State University calls my attention to a new type of gummed paper used for labels that could solve the problem of original gum stamps for the collector.

The new paper would also appear to be a desirable kind to use for printing stamps for any country in the tropic regions of the world.

It looks like an ordinary white label but on the under side it is treated in some manner whereby if it is moistened it will stick on parcels or packages just as does the sticky, gummed paper. In the tropics many post offices receive stamps which are interleaved with glassine or thin tissue or waxed paper to prevent sticking. This new paper does not stick and does not curl, but lies flat. It will adhere only when moistened, just as ordinary gummed paper.

I tried some of it by taking small pieces the size of a stamp and mounting them with a hinge. When dry, the hinge peels off with practically no trace of where it was stuck. This paper therefore would solve the problem of stuck down stamps in albums. We believe the Post Office Department would find it worth while to experiment with this new gummed paper.

Thirty-fifth Anniversary For Gunesch

We oldsters can look back sixty or sixty-five years ago and recall the leading stamp dealers and philatelists of those days. A far lesser

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SMILEATELICS... Bob Rieker



"They're balloon covers, natural."

1961 STAMP PROGRAM

Jan. 11 - American Credo, Patrick Henry 4c, Richmond 19. Va. (50 per pane. 120,000,000).
Jan. 13 - Regular 15c airmail, revised design, Buffalo, N. Y. (50 per pane).
Jan. 26 - Mahatma Gandhi, Champion of Liberty 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D. C. (4c-70 per pane. 120,000,000; 8c-72 per pane. 40,000,000).
Feb. 2 - Range Conservation 4c, Salt Lake City 1, Utah (Horizontal, 50 per pane. 120,000,000).
Feb. 3 - Horace Greeley, Famous American 4c, New York 1, N. Y. (70 per pane. 120,000,000).
March 1 - International Conference 10c airmail, Washington 13, D. C. (Horizontal, 50 per pane).

ALREADY ISSUED

Due to the many issues involved and the need to save space, the list of U. S. stamps already issued will henceforth be included only in the first issue of each month.

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors may send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For U.N. and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

Mallard Hen, Young On 1961 Duck Stamp

A mallard hen and eight ducklings in natural habitat will be the design on the 1961-62 Migratory Waterfowl Hunting stamp, the Department of the Interior has announced. This will be the 28th stamp of the Federal duck stamp series which began in 1934. It is the third stamp of the \$3 series.

Edward A. Morris of Minneapolis, Minn. drew the winning design, a black and white wash drawing which the artist titled "Nine Mallards". Selection was made from nearly 100 drawings submitted to the twelfth annual "duck stamp" contest conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service. "Habitat Produces Ducks" was the theme of the contest.

The judging committee was composed of the six regional directors of the Bureau and two representatives of conservation organizations: Dan Poole, Wildlife Management Institute, and Michael Hudoba, Washington editor of "Sports Afield".

A new duck stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of the distribution and sale. It goes on sale July 1 and expires the following June 30. Every individual who has attained the age of 16 years and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have a stamp on his person.

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1139 - George Washington Credo 4c, Mt. Vernon, Va., January 20.
1145 - Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. February 8.
1146 - Winter Olympic Games 4c, Tahoe City, Calif. February 18.
1147-48 - Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. March 7.
1140 - Benjamin Franklin Credo 4c, Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.
1149 - World Refugee Year 4c, Washington, D. C., April 7.
1150 - Water Conservation 4c, Washington, D. C., April 18.
C59 - Airmail regular 25c, San Francisco, Calif., April 22.
1141 - Thomas Jefferson Credo 4c, Charlottesville, Va., May 18.
U542 - 2 1/2c stamped envelope, Chicago, Ill., May 28.
1151 - SEATO 4c, Washington, D. C., May 31.
1152 - American Woman 4c, Washington, D. C., June 2.
C57 - Airmail regular 10c, Miami, Fla., June 10.
1031A - 1 1/4c Liberty regular, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.
1054A - 1 1/4c Liberty coil, Santa Fe, N. M., June 17.
UCX3 - 5c Airmail postal card new design, Minneapolis, Minn., June 18.
U541 - 1 1/4c stamped envelope, Birmingham Ala., June 25.
1153 - 50-Star Flag 4c, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 4.
1154 - Pony Express 4c, Sacramento, Calif., July 19.
U543 - Pony Express 4c stamped envelope, St. Louis, Mo., July 19.
C60 - Airmail regular 7c red, Arlington, Va., August 12.
UC34 - Airmail envelope 7c red, Portland, Ore., August 18.
C60A - Airmail booklet 7c red, St. Louis, Mo., August 19.
1155 - Physically Handicapped 4c, New York, N. Y., August 28.
1156 - World Forestry Congress 4c, Seattle, Wash., August 29.
1142 - Francis Scott Key Credo 4c, Baltimore, Md., September 14.
1157 - Mexican Independence Sesqui 4c, Los Angeles, Calif., September 16.
1158 - Japanese - American Amity 4c, Washington, D. C., September 28.
1159-60 - Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., October 8.
1161 - Robert A. Taft 4c, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 10.
1162 - Automotive Industry 4c, Detroit, Mich., October 15.
1163 - Boys' Clubs of America 4c, New York, N. Y., October 18.
1164 - First Automated Post Office 4c, Providence, R. I., October 20.
C61 - Airmail 7 coil (red), Atlantic City, N. J., October 22.
1165-66 - Mannerheim "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., October 26.
1167 - Camp Fire Girls 4c, New York, N. Y., November 1.
1168-69 - Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., November 2.
—Walter F. George 4c, Vienna, Ga., November 5.
1143 - Abraham Lincoln Credo, 4c, New York, N. Y., November 19.
—Andrew Carnegie 4c, New York, N. Y., November 25.
—John Foster Dulles 4c, Washington, D. C., December 6.
—Echo I Satellite 4c, Washington, D. C., December 15.

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France is peculiarly fortunate in that her history is filled with exciting and outstanding persons; and that her artists — many of them attached to the court — have left innumerable portraits and other paintings which the stamp designers have adapted for their productions. While we are by no means attempting to include all the identifiable French paintings on stamps in this article, perhaps some of the identifications may prove of interest to collectors of French stamps.

The artists identified are shown in chronological order. Again, where it seems necessary, we have also given some information about the persons honored by the stamp issue.

Jehan Fouquet (c. 1416-1480)—One of the greatest of French primitives, Fouquet was forgotten for two centuries, and has only lately been given the place in art which he deserves. Jehan Fouquet painted many miniatures for manuscripts, of which many still exist. His art is that of the observer rather than the inventor.

Perhaps the most remarkable of his works are nine miniatures for a manuscript, "Antiquites des Juifs" by Joseph, now in the Bibliothèque Nationale.

His portrait is shown on France No. B208, one of a series honoring famous 15th century Frenchmen, the surtax being for the benefit of the National Relief Fund. Another of his paintings is shown in Liechtenstein's regular 1949 issue (232) "Franz Meister in 1456". The original of this is in the collection of the Prince of Liechtenstein.

A painting by an unknown artist in the Bibliothèque de Geneve is shown on France No. 639 (issued in 1950) a portrait of Francois Rabelais (1494-1553), early French author, best known for his characters Gargantua and Panagruel. Some feel this early author was a sober reformer who wrapped up his morals in a farcical envelope.

Francois Clouet (c. 1516-1572)—A pupil of his father, Jan Clouet, Francois inherited the title "Painter to the King" and lived in the royal household under Francois I, Henri II, Francois III, and Charles IX.

In this capacity, it was his duty to make death masks of both Francois I and Henry II. His portrait is shown on France No. B162, semi-postal stamp issued to honor 16th century Frenchmen. It was adapted

from an enamel self-portrait in the Louvre.

Jan Clouet (? - ?)—Probably of Flemish origin, Jan Clouet worked in France from some time before 1516. He is represented on the stamps of France No. B303 with his portrait of Guillaume Bude (1467-1540), librarian, scholar and writer. Bude persuaded Francois I to found the College de France (Collegium Trilingue) and the library at Fontainebleau. This portrait strongly resembles a painting by Clouet in the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

Louis Le Nain (1593-1648) and his two brothers, Antoine and Mathieu, painted realistic, familiar scenes of peasants and workmen, as well as delicate portraits of cavaliers in the costume of the period. Two paintings in the Louvre are used for semi-postals.

The first, a detail from "Return from Baptism" is shown on No. B283 issued in 1953. The second, a detail from "Peasant Family at Home" appears on No. B309 of 1956. Both are Red Cross stamps.

In 1951 France issued two charming Red Cross semi-postals. The first, "Child at Prayer" was adapted from a painting by the "Maitre de Moulins", an unknown 15th century painter. The second, is by

Maurice Quentin de la Tour (1704-1788), whom we shall discuss later, and is after a portrait of Nicolle Richard as a child, in the Louvre.

Jacques Callot (1592-1635)—The eleventh child of Jean Callot, First Herald of Lorain, Jacques Callot ran away from home at 12 and joined a gypsy band. Returned home, he again ran away to Italy, and was

finally allowed to go in the entourage of an ambassador to the Pope. This great painter triumphed in all fields of art, and was a prolific engraver, producing more than 1500 copper plates.

Callot's portrait, after the Flemish painter Lucas Vorstermans (1595-1675) is shown on France Nos. 305, B48 and B55. The first was in honor of the 300th anniversary of Callot's death, and the latter two are semi-postals for the benefit of unemployed intellectuals in the issues of 1936 and 1938.

Two of Callot's engravings, depicting the hardships of the Seven Years' War, were used as the designs for B318 and B319, the Red Cross issue of 1957.

Philippe de Champaigne (1602-1674) was another of France's outstanding portraitists. His magnificent portrait of Cardinal Richelieu was the source of the design on France No. 304, issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the French Academy which he founded.

Another of de Champaigne's works shown on French stamps is that of Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), the famous mathematician. It was included in the 1944 semi-postal series issued to honor 17th century famous men for the benefit of the National Relief Fund.

Charles Le Brun (1619-1690) is also honored on a 1954 French stamp. Le Brun was best known as a designer of tapestry cartoons, and his statue may be seen in the background of France No. 711, produced by H. Cordier and presently in the Cour d'Antin.

A painter also, his portrait of the famous dramatist and poet, Pierre Corneille (1606-1684) is shown on France No. 323. This was issued for the Paris International Exhibition, commemorating the 300th anniversary of the publishing of "Le Cid", Corneille's most controversial play.

Robert Nanteuil (1623-1678) is another of the well-known 17th century artists whose works were used on French stamps. Most of his drawings were executed with three crayons and are quiet and refined in appearance. His portraits, utterly lacking in artifice, disclose a rare ability concealed under the appearance of simplicity.

One of his best known is that of Marie de Rabutin-Chantal, Marquise (Continued on page 15)

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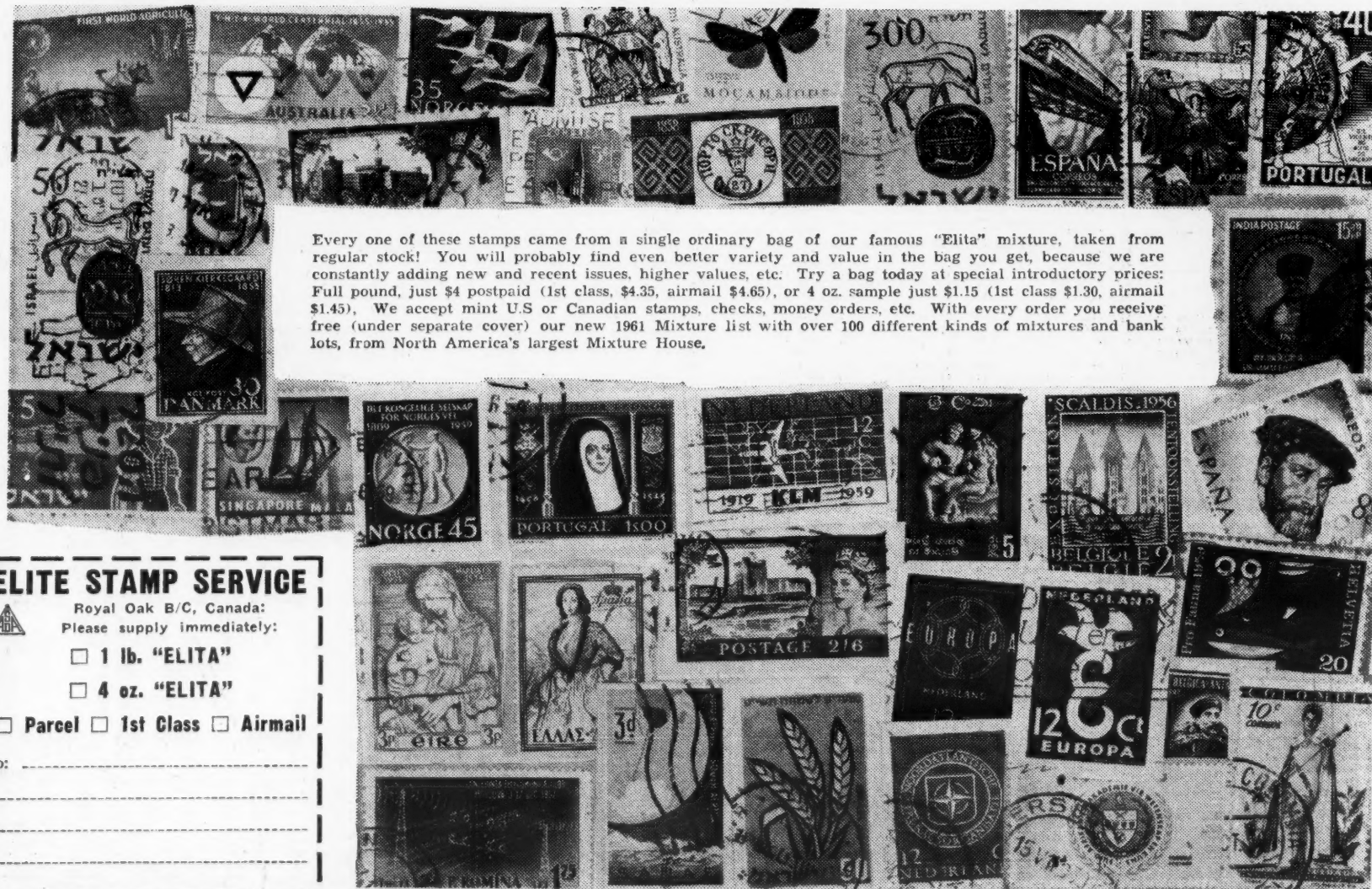
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News Round-Up
From Washington

The most recent philatelic news from Washington indicates that first day cover totals for the year will top 20,000,000 by a comfortable figure, with over 19,000,000 already counted and totals of the last four releases of the year yet to be added.

The Post Office Department has repeated its notice of several months ago that the regular, coil and embossed envelopes of both the 1½¢ and 2½¢ regular issues will be removed from sale in unprecanceled form at the end of the year.

There were 1,168,770 first day covers canceled at Washington, D. C., on October 26, when the 4c and 8c Gustaf Mannerheim "Champion of Liberty" stamps were placed on sale there. A total of 899,655 of the 4c and 634,802 of the 8c values were sold that day with a value of \$86,770.36.

When the 4c and 8c Giuseppe Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" stamps were released at Washington, D. C., on November 2, there were 1,001,490 first day covers canceled. There were 1,000,958 of the 4c and 684,070 of the 8c stamps sold that day, with a value of \$94,763.92.

On November 19 in New York, N.Y. there were 467,780 first day covers canceled bearing the 4c Lincoln "Credo" stamp. A total of 1,394,172 of these stamps was sold that day, with a value of \$55,766.88.

Thus far in 1960 the Post Office Department has serviced 19,399,533 first day covers, with first day sales totaling \$1,744,751. No first day figures are yet available for the Walter F. George and John Foster Dulles Memorial stamps; the Andrew Carnegie "Famous American" stamp or the Echo I "Communications for Peace" commemorative.

The Philatelic Sales Agency and Philatelic Exhibition Room (1315) in the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., will be closed Saturday, December 24; Monday, December 26; and Monday, January 2. Both the Agency windows and the Exhibition Room will be open Saturday, December 31.

The 1½¢ "Palace of the Governors" regular postage stamp in sheet and coil form; the 1½¢ embossed envelope; the 2½¢ "Bunker Hill" regular postage stamp in sheet and coil form; and the 2½¢ embossed envelope—all six items in unprecanceled form—will be removed from sale at the Agency at the close of business that day.

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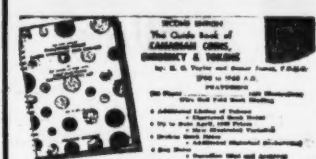
The Long Island Chapter of the American Topical Assn. will meet at the Mid-Island Bowl, Broadway, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y. December 29.

The program will begin at 8:30. It will feature an ATA film strip on a topical subject, with a stamp bourse to follow.

The Philatelic Sales Agency will fill all mail orders for these six items postmarked before midnight December 31, 1960.

The pictorial first day cancellation used at Washington, D. C. December 15 when the 4c Echo I "Communications for Peace" commemorative stamp was placed on sale, features a bolt of lightning and the wording "WORLD-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH SPACE".

On January 11 when the sixth of the "Credo" stamps (Patrick Henry) is first placed on sale at Richmond, Va., the pictorial first day cancellation will show St. John's Episcopal Church, in that city, where Henry uttered his famous words, "Give me Liberty or give me Death."



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Early Newspaper Stamps And Official "Red Tape" Became Dangerous Weapons Of Censor

Nathan Hals and Charles Bretagne

In our recent book, "France: Fiscal and Postal History of the Postmarks and Stamps on Newspapers 1797 to 1914", we covered the French newspaper stamps in intensive fashion, giving their origin and reason for being as well as the pertinent laws and uses.

In such a work it was difficult to simplify the story, requiring as it did, technical language and descriptions. However, it may be broken up into sections, and we feel that those stamps listed as numbers P1 to P6 in Scott's Catalogue require further treatment.

The adhesives we mention were not the first French newspaper stamps, nor even early in European philatelic history. Austria's philatelic fabulous Mercuries preceded them. It was in the reign of Queen Anne of England, about 1725, that a regularized tax was placed on periodicals and journals, and the system continued until 1865 in England.

As the purpose of the tax was only secondarily fiscal, and as it was used as a form of censorship which was copied in France, the decrees and regulations of the fiscal system are not to be understood as either logical or even readable.

The taxes were based on the size of the paper, its physical dimensions, its contents, the frequency of appearance, and even the day of appearance.

If a publisher supported the government, or did not write against it, there was little trouble in deciding the amount of the tax and being allowed to publish. But if otherwise — red tape in a "democracy" is a fine substitute for dictatorship.

The English taxes have been the subject of other studies, but they have a postal interest in that the payment of the tax not only allowed the paper to be mailed, but the privilege extended to one free re-mailing by the subscriber!

The French instituted taxes on printed matter in their desperate financial plight after the Revolution. This strictly fiscal tax lasted until 1848, with, however, the privilege of a reduced postal rate.

The rise and fall of Louis Napoleon as president and then emperor of France saw the final and complete cycle of the fiscal taxes on newspapers, a 90-year period during which they were both fiscal and postal stamps.

The evidence of the payment of the tax was stamped by hand on each sheet of paper up to 1868, and these handstamps of 1850 to 1870 are postage stamps as well.

For purposes of the tax France was divided in two. The departments of Seine and Seine-et-Oise (Paris and Versailles) constituted places where the fiscal tax was higher than in the rest of France. The rates varied from 5c to 6c as compared to 2c or 3c in the provinces.

There were sound reasons for the differentiation. Paris was the intellectual and revolutionary leader of France and had been the site of all the political upheavals in her history.

In order to make sure that radical ideas were not exported the tax raised the price of the papers so much that an ordinary person could not afford to read them.

This was "cold turkey" political talk, and arguments in the French Senate on the taxes brought out exactly such sentiments from administration spokesmen.

Two postal rates were established, of 2c and 4c, the lower being the local or interdepartmental rate and the other for mailing anywhere in France. If the fiscal tax in a province was 2c and the paper was mailed locally it paid a total of 4c.

As the paper was taxed before printing it may readily be seen that a subscription list was a necessity upon which the publisher could plan to have so many sheets taxed

one way, and so many another.

Usually the cachets struck on the paper varied in color so that one color was fiscal, another indicated fiscal and local postage, and another the fiscal and national postal rate.

The system was clumsy in the following respects. The publisher had the burden of carrying his stock of paper to the tax depot, declaring his needs, paying the tax, placing the paper in the depot where it was thoroughly checked and struck with the appropriate cachets to the correct amounts.

Again, he had to have his paper taxed before he could print it, so that there was an outlay in money as well as time. On the part of the government the depots had to be maintained, labor employed, and much accounting work done.

In spite of the example of postage stamps from 1849, the concept of an adhesive tax stamp was not considered until about 1865, and then the idea threw officialdom into its usual tizzy over possibilities of re-use, and so on. Another point was the problem of cancellation.

The reader would not believe the involved and twisted thinking that led to the search for precedents and the solution of this problem.

Suffice to say that the hand struck stamps had not been canceled in any way because they were good only on the date on the masthead and were part of the paper. On the other hand, the adhesives were allowed to be canceled in the press because they were not considered stamps but receipts for the prepayment of the fiscal and postal taxes!

The law of July 31, 1867 authorized the adhesives (without abolishing the hand strikes), but much time was spent in finding a printer for the stamps which had been designed by Oudine.

This search was occasioned by an inability to use, or the lack of desire to use, the facilities of Hulot at La Monnaie, where the postage stamps were produced. The government finally gave a contract to a man named Poitevin whose agreement specified that he was to supply the paper and print the stamps by typography.

The fiscal department undertook to gum and perforate the stamps and to supply the cliches for the printing.

As we know nothing of the plate form this last part leads to the presumption that the forme of 202 subjects was from individual cliches locked up together, and that the cliches were lead molds formed in a coining press directly from the die.

The odd figure of 202 subjects arose from two panes of 100 beneath each of which was printed an extra stamp. These two stamps were not charged to the purchaser but represented a 1% rebate for possible damage and a stimulus to purchase in quantity.

Following Hulot's ideas on prevention of re-use or forgery, a colorless lithographic wash was supplied to the sheets.

Poitevin received his contract November 3, 1868, but he must have operated on good assurances beforehand, for by September 24 he had delivered about a million of the

2c blue and violet stamps, and they were first placed on sale December 19, 1868.

While the Department had intended to perforate the sheets it had obtained a perforating machine that was so defective, or cranky, that the first issue was imperforate, and throughout the life of the issue imperforates appeared in quantity.

While 5c denominations of the violet (fiscal only), blue (plus 2c postage, or a total of 7c), and red (plus 4c postage for a total of 9c) were produced, only the violet stamps were sold — and then only in Seine-et-Oise, where about 13,000 were used.

The Paris publishers being well stocked with paper bearing the hand struck cachets caused the blues and reds to be retained, and they were used only for gum trials for other fiscal adhesives which began to appear.

The 2c denominations, imperf and perfed sold well in the provinces. However, since they were mostly of local interest very few papers were sold outside their locale and the 2c red is scarce used. The im-

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This small issue, at first glance, does not seem to offer much to make it different from other issues. This is an optical illusion however, because as a matter of fact, it is one of the most interesting sets of recent French Philatelic history.

As far as design is concerned, it is not an eye-arrester. It is neither prettier nor uglier than others. It appeared unexpectedly, had a short life, and has now been abandoned to make room for two or three other designs which replaced it. Let us look at it value by value and see what we find.

No. 751, 6 francs red brown, was issued only in coils of 1000 stamps. It was intended originally for postcards mailed by pilgrims in Lourdes, and was retailed through vending machines in that town 'way up in the Pyrenees mountains. It is known imperforate, and is rare thus.



No. 752, 12fr. pale green, was issued July 15, 1955 in booklet form only, but in a booklet form not seen before. I believe that it was merely a trial booklet, such as we have already discovered in the collection of France.

The pane of stamps (ten, vertically) and the cover, are printed together, necessitating a special perforating machine not used before or since. The stamps are at the left; the cover, with indication for folding, at the right.

When folded according to directions, the result is a small booklet 2 x 3 inches, that can be carried in a billfold or pocketbook. It did not prove popular, and was discontinued very soon. Already getting scarce, it is also known imperforate (rare).

No. 753, 15fr. carmine rose, was the first value to appear (February 17, 1955). It is available in 1), sheets of 100, printed by rotary presses, in two vertical panes of 50 stamps.

A vertical gutter the width of a stamp separates the two panes, while designs of thick horizontal bars are positioned at the top and bottom of the sheet. The date of printing (dated corner) is at the lower right.

II), In booklets of 20 stamps (two panes of ten) with advertisements in the top and bottom margins of the panes, also on the booklet cover, and

III), In coils, printed in endless sheets, without horizontal interruptions and sold in rolls of 1000 stamps. A vertical strip of eleven stamps is of course proof of its origin, but that is too large for an album. Since these can be identified by the precise machine cut over the perforations, a strip of five - a nice round number - would be sufficient to show.

The distinctions between the stamps of various use is of course possible, but the variations are very minute, and it is safe at this time to classify all the 15fr. printings as of a single type. Also known imperforate.

No. 754, 18fr. green, 1958 - This value is known only in sheets of 100. However, there are two distinct dies. The first gave fine prints, in a paler green than the subsequent issues, and the stamps are smaller both vertically and horizontally.



Fig. 1, Type I



Fig. 2, Type II

As can be seen in the illustration Fig. 1, the numeral "1" of "18F" is thick, the top serif is relatively heavy, and there is no horizontal serif at the base of the "1". I name this Type I (Fig. 1).

The second plates display a stamp slightly large both vertically and horizontally. The color is darker, and the printing rather coarse compared to the velvety appearance of the first plates.

The top of the numeral "1" is cut diagonally, the top serif very small, and there is a serif at the

base of this numeral - Type II (Fig. 2).

Type I is definitely the scarcer, although not yet rare. This value is also known imperforate.

No. 755, 20fr. ultramarine, June 22, 1957 is the most complex of all the values. It was issued in sheets of 100 for post office retailing, in coils for distributing machines, and in booklets of two distinct types.

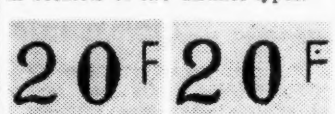


Fig. 3, Type I Fig. 4, Type II

In type I, used for sheets, coils and booklets there are some very minute distinctions for the different uses, but it can be distinguished easily by the "F" of "20F". Both horizontal bars of this letter are narrow and short (Fig. 3).

In Type II, used only for some booklets and for a short time, the horizontal bars of the "F" are wider and nearly double the length of the Type I. There are other distinctions, especially in the shape of the "2" and "0", but the "F" should suffice for easy classification. This Type II is already scarce (Fig. 4). Also issued imperforate.

No. 756, 25fr. red, January 1959 was the last of the series, and it may turn out to be the best. This value is presented in three compositions - sheets of 100, booklets of 20 (in two panes of ten stamps without publicity in the margin), and in booklets of eight stamps, a new form, also without advertising.

Again we find some very small variations between the stamps printed in sheets and in booklets of 20, and also the booklets of eight. It would take a long article to describe these variations. So, for the nonce we must accept a single type.

But there is a distinction which will serve to identify the stamps from booklets of eight from the others: For the sheets and booklets of 20 stamps, the cliches were arranged vertically, so that when the plate was bent to fit the rotary press cylinder, the design of the stamps was slightly elongated up and down.

For the booklets of eight stamps, the cliches on the contrary were laid out on the side horizontally, so that when the plates were bent, they are shorter vertically, wider horizontally - just as are the U.S. "Edison" rotary and coil stamps of 1929. This value may also come imperforate.

All the above detail findings are due to study made in Paris by France and Colonies Group member Pierre de Lizeray and others, writing regularly in the "Bulletin Philatelique du Midi", a French monthly publication.

It goes to show that modern issues can have, if studied with sincerity, all the interest that in the olden days we thought was a privilege reserved for the classic issues.

France is truly a "collectors" collection, and more is being discovered every day. I strongly suggest a small specialized collection of the "Marianne" by Muller as a most interesting sideline activity.

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perforate is rare, though there are at least three authentic uses known. These three denomination sold for 2c (violet), 4c (blue, 2c + 2c), and 6c (red, 2c + 4c).

The decrees required that the stamp be applied to the upper right corner of the paper where at least four lines of type (or the equivalent in heavy type such as the masthead) would cancel it.

Examples which have a postal

cancel on them are usually from the period after 1870 when the fiscal tax was removed and the publishers were allowed to use them up for postage.

The late Steve Rich frequently argued (without vehemence) that these stamps were not precancels. As they exist mint and used there is force to this idea. But as they were canceled to the government's convenience so as to avoid extra work in the posts, the opposite view may be held.

In any case, their wholehearted acceptance by the precancel collectors establishes a niche for them and arguments pro and con are academic.

The fall of Napoleon III in 1870 ended the fiscal taxes on newspapers in France. In retrospect we cannot consider them much different from the "Postage and Revenue" stamps of England, and this only emphasizes their postal nature.

It would seem appropriate at this time, in the same context, to mention the telegraph stamps of France which many may have seen.

The telegraph stamps, of four denominations, were designed to pay for a telegram, and at the same time pay the postage for its delivery to the sending office and from the receiving office via the posts. Its postal connections, therefore, have made these stamps of interest to many collectors, and not only in France.

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"FIVE YEARS OF GOOD WILL" are proclaimed by the slogan cancellations and cachets applied to each of the above cards by the Italian Postal Administration. The upper came on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the United States NATO Forces in Italy (SETAF), and was sponsored jointly by the Verona Philatelic Assn. and the Italian Government. The postmark is of Verona. The bottom card is from the philatelic exhibition at the Olympic Service Club in Vicenza where the SETAF set up a philatelic exhibition to promote good will between the Italian people and the U.S. Forces. The postmark is of Vicenza. The card was sent by Capt. Harris A. McCormack stationed in Vicenza.

Notes From The Italian Area**Pierson Ostrow**

The Vatican's two Christmas sets went on sale December 6 as promised. They consist of three stamps honoring the birth of Christ and three more for St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac. All are printed by photogravure on paper watermarked with crossed Papal keys and perforated 14x14.



The Nativity set was designed by Grassellini after a painting by "Gherardo della Notti" (better known by his true Dutch name, Gerard van Honthorst).

It shows the Nativity scene, and is inscribed with the date MCMLX (1960) and the words "Nativitas D. N. I. Chrismi" (Birth of Our Lord Christ). Denominations are 10 Lire gray green and black, 15L. gray brown and brown and 70L. blue and greenish blue.

The commemorative set consists of a 40L. violet, designed by L. Gasbarra and E. Pizzi and showing a portrait of St. Vincent de Paul; a 70L. black, also by Gasbarra and Pizzi and showing St. Louise de Marillac; and a 300L. brown by R. Mura and E. Pizzi, showing a meeting between the two saints.



Vincent de Paul was born at Pouy in Gascony sometime between 1576 and 1580, the son of peasants. His early life was adventurous, including capture by Turkish pirates, an escape, and subsequent service to Queen Marguerite de Valois.

Gradually he turned his attention away from the great of France to its poor and its galley convicts. He established religious institutions dedicated to the care and conversion of the common people and criminals.

Louise de Marillac, whose name is associated with St. Vincent's, came from a quite different background, having been born at Paris on August 12, 1591, the daughter of the Lord of Ferrieres.

Although of religious nature, she was dissuaded from becoming a nun and eventually married Antoine Le Gras, one of Maria de Medici's secretaries.

When Le Gras died, however, Louise placed herself under the direction of St. Vincent and eventually founded the Sisters of Charity which was closely associated with De Paul's work.

St. Vincent de Paul died at Paris on September 27, 1660. His confrere, Louise de Marillac, had preceded him by a few months, on March 15.

New Stamps from Italy—Italy issued its Stamp Day commemorative on December 18, and is expected to follow it shortly with a 170L. airmail to mark the visit of Presi-

K-Line Olympic And Sports Supplements

The most recent releases of the K-Line Publishing Co., Inc., makers of albums and other adjuncts to stamp collecting, are supplements for the firm's specialized Olympic Games and Sports albums.

Part III of the 17th Olympic Games offering consists of 20 pages for the stamps of Dominican Republic, Greece, Germany, Haiti, Hungary, Liberia, Mongolia, Maldives Islands, Russia, San Marino, Turkey, Tunisia, and the UAR.

The Sports supplement Part VI has 26 pages covering San Marino through Viet Nam, with from one to three pages for each country. Mr. Kobylka mentioned that the unexpected number of Olympic issues appearing late in the year will be included in further Sports sectional supplements to appear in December.

Both the current offers are in the standard K-Line format — 8½ x 11 in size, heavy white stock, properly illustrated and tastefully decorated. Suitable captions convey the necessary facts concerning each stamp.

Part III Olympic Games is \$2 plus 20c postage. Part VI Sports is \$2.50 plus 25c postage, from many dealers or directly from the publishers at 1433 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Johore Completes New Regular Series

The Crown Agents Representative in Washington, D. C. has announced that the final four values of Johore's new regulars were released December 9.



They are the 8c, 20c, \$1, and \$2, in the current pictorial designs with the portrait of the new ruler, Sultan Sir Ismail ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Sir Ibrahim.

The 10c value was issued June 10, the 4c and 50c August 19, and the 1c, 2c, 5c, and \$5 October 7. The 8c, 20c, \$1, and \$2 stamps of the previous regulars were withdrawn from service at the close of business December 8.

dent Gronchi to Argentina.

Once again, the rumor is that Italy will actually issue its own Michelangelo set sometime in January. The word now is, however, that it will be commemorative in nature rather than a replacement for the now current coin definitives.

More on Caravaggio—San Marino is to join Italy, sometime in December, with its own Caravaggio stamp and with the four long delayed additions to its "Paesaggi" (view) definitives.

Incidentally, Italy's Caravaggio stamp will be valid through December 31, 1961. The portrait on it was taken from a pencil sketch by Ottavio Lioni now in the possession of the Biblioteca Marciana at Florence.

New Finds—The 25L. San Marino "Bird" stamp has been found imperforate at the bottom. Various copies of Italy's Botteggo commemorative have been turning up with badly defective inking, making some of the wording virtually illegible.

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Togo's United Nations issue, honoring
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UN and Togo's own admission to
that body, will be released January
6. Six stamps, 42 x 26mm in size,
will be issued.



Each will show the colors of the
nation's flag, plus the following:
30c red, 50c brown, 1 franc blue,
10fr. maroon, 25fr. black, and 30fr.
purple.

The issue was printed in litho-
graphy by Thomas de la Rue & Co.
Ltd., of London, after designs
by M. Shamir of Tel Aviv, Israel.
The common design shows the flag
of Togo, and the emblem of the
United Nations.

For the first time in the history
of Togo philately, each sheet of
50 stamps will bear a marginal in-
scription, plus plate and control
numbers.

Togo was once a Germany Colony,
after World War I a League of
Nations Mandate, and later a UN
Trusteeship under France. It be-
came independent April 27, 1960
and has changed its name to "Re-
publique Togolaise". This appears
for the first time on stamps with
this issue.

White Ace Olympic
Games Album Ready

A colorful set of pages for the 1960
Olympic Games of the world has
just been added to the popular White
Ace line of historical albums pub-
lished by The Washington Press of
Newark, N. J. It provides spaces
for all Olympic Games singles and
souvenir sheets issued to date of
publication by 34 countries.

As in all other White Ace albums,
a four-color tableau appears at the
top of each page, complemented by
an attractive border in an olive leaf
decor. There is a brief history of
the Olympic Games on the title page.

The pages are standard 8 1/2" x 11"
size of bristol white rag content card
stock, punched for a three-ring
binder. They are \$3.25 per set, di-
rectly from the publisher or at many
dealers. A gold-stamped deluxe
binder is \$3.50, and matching border
blank pages are ten for 75c.

Year-End Philippines
Set Notes Ike's Visit

The Bureau of Posts of the Philip-
pines will place on sale December
30 a special set of stamps marking
the visit of President Dwight Eisen-
hower to the Philippines last June
14.

The design shows President Eisen-
hower and President Carlos P. Gar-
cia shaking hands. The seals of
both Presidents are also featured.
The denominational value is printed
at the lower left-hand corner with
the word "Philippines" across in
bold letters.

Values are listed as 6c (5,000,000)
and 20c (10,000,000). Colors are not
specified; stamp size is 27 x 42mm,
with printing 50 per sheet. Usual
first day courtesies will be avail-
able.

Dr. Kohansky To Speak
At N. Y. Israel Meeting

The Society of Israel Philatelists
will hear an address by Dr. Alex-
ander S. Kohansky at the December
28 meeting at the Hotel Martini-
que, New York City, at 8 p.m.

The talk, entitled "The Artistic
Designs of the Stamps of Israel"
will be illustrated by selected pages
from Dr. Kohansky's prize winning
collection. Visitors will be welcome,
as always, to all meetings which
are held on the fourth Wednesday
of each month.

Christmas Social At
Fair Lawn Stamp Club

In view of the season, the Fair
Lawn Stamp Club has not prepared
a formal program for its December
27 meeting. No speaker has been
booked; instead a general social
evening will be staged.

Members and friends are urged
to attend. The meeting will begin
at 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Bldg.,
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POD Displaying
Courvoisier Work

The Post Office Department will
hold a special showing of striking
postage stamps printed for other na-
tions by the firm of Courvoisier,
Inc., La Chaux-de-Fonda, Switzer-
land. According to Postmaster Gen-
eral Arthur E. Summerfield, this 18-
frame display will be featured in the
Department's Philatelic Exhibition
Room (1315), 12th St. and Pennsylv-
ania Ave. N. W., from December
19 through January 4.

Featured in the Courvoisier display
are some of the multicolor stamps
with popular subjects such as birds,
fishes, animals, flowers, and trees,
issued primarily during the past
decade.

Included are the Angola, Jugo-
slavia and Haiti "Bird" issues; the
Jugoslavia "Fishes" sets; Belgian
Congo, Luxembourg, Switzerland,
Turkey, Yugoslavia, and Ceylon
"Flowers" sets, and the Ceylon
"Tree" stamps. Also included in the
showing is the Portuguese "Dom
Henrique" stamps of 1960.

The Department's Philatelic Exhi-
bition Room is open to the public
9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, excepting Sun-
days. It will however, be closed
December 24 and 26, and January 2.

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catalog a third of a million U. S.
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According to an item in Singa-
pore's "Free Press" of December
5 airmailed by Leong Chee Keng
of that city, Mr. Chia bought ten
sheets of the current 4c regular
Singapore Malaya stamps for use
on Christmas cards.

At home he discovered that one
sheet had but 30 stamps — the
fourth and fifth vertical rows of
the 50-subject sheet were completely
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More Kinmens, New
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The Directorate General of Posts
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nounced the December 24 release
of the \$1.20, \$1.50 and \$3 Kinmen
Tower stamps in the new design
with light value panel instead of
dark as in the past.

Colors are listed as grayish green,
bronze blue and medium green,
respectively, with 5,000,000 copies of
each, offset printed and ungummed.
Seven other values of this series
were issued October 5 and Novem-
ber 15.

Also issued (December 1) were
three seasonal greeting cards. All
are in red, with imprinted 40c Kin-
men Tower design stamps. One in
an edition of 600,000 covers both
Christmas and New Year's, the
other are for the latter occasion
only.

One of these (4,400,000 copies)
features a Chinese drawing "Every
Wish Comes True", while the other
(5,000,000) shows a second Chinese
depiction, "Two Children Firing a
Cracker in Celebration of New
Year".

Some 950,000 \$3.20 domestic reg-
istered letter envelopes in vertical
format, and 50,000 in horizontal,
were issued December 15. The im-
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emerald green; the panel and char-
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31	64.50	B35-38	7.50	94-98	.75	29	2.00	89-92	2.00	55-60	24.00
48	9.50	B39-42	5.25	99-101	1.50	30	10.00	93-96	.75	61-67	13.50
115-118	37.50	B43-46	1.20	102-104	1.80	31	10.00	97-102	.95	68-71	2.25
124-125	2.25	C1-2	1.30	105-06	1.50	32	1.15	103-107	.60	72-76	1.40
126-128	.65	C3-9	7.00	107-07A	2.25	33	1.20	108-109	3.50	77-79	.20
130-132	.75	C10-11	2.50	108-15	2.50	34	1.25	110-114	4.50	80-83	.60
133-135	.65	C12-19	.30	116-18	.35	35	1.30	115-116	4.50	84-86	.25
136-139	1.00	C20-22	1.20	119-28	2.50	36	1.35	117-118	3.00	87-90	.85
140-142	2.50	C23-26	3.50	129-33	.75	37	1.40	119-120	17.50	91-98	.75
143-146	4.25	C27	35.00	134-42	1.20	38	1.45	121-122	5.00	99-101	2.00
159-164	4.50	C28-31	1.20	143-49	1.40	39	1.50	123-124	31.25	102-109	1.60
165-170	50.00	C32-39	1.50	150-57	.95	40	1.60	125-126	31.25	110-121	.75
171-174	14.50	C40-41	1.30	158-67	3.00	41	1.65	127-128	4.25	122-131	15.50
175-177	.80	C42-47	10.00	168-74	3.25	42	1.70	129-130	1.25	132-139	3.25
178-83	1.70	C48-49	13.50	175-80	3.00	43	1.75	131-132	1.50	140-142	.45
188-91	1.10	C50-55	2.50	B1-4	3.00	44	1.80	133-134	2.50	143-144	7.50
193-96	7.50	C56-61	1.00	B5-10	1.00	45	1.85	135-136	1.85	145-148	9.50
201-10	7.00	C62-65	3.50	B11-16	.40	46	1.90	137-138	1.00	149-153	11.00
213-31	1.25	C66-72	1.50	B17-20	.60	47	1.95	139-140	2.39	154	.45
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Surinam "Fruits On Stamps" Set In 1961

Surinam has announced the re-
lease, "probably in late January",
of a seven-value set depicting fruits
of the country. The designer is Nic
Loning, a Holland-trained art in-
structor of Paramaribo, Surinam.
Enschede en Zonen, Haarlem, is
printing them in multicolor.



Values and subjects are listed as
1c bananas, 2c citrus, 3c cocoa, 4c
sugar cane, 5c coffee, 6c coconuts,
and 8c rice. Plant names will be
shown in both Latin and Dutch.

The newcomers will be part of
a proposed set of new definitives,
and will eventually replace the cur-
rent Queen Wilhelmina and Queen
Juliana adhesives.

Surinam was formerly a Dutch
colony, but is now an autonomous
and equal member of the Dutch
Commonwealth (Koninkrijk). In 1667,
New Amsterdam (present day New
York) was exchanged by the Dutch
for Surinam which till then had
been a British possession. Until this
day, architecture of old Surinam-
ese buildings is similar to Colonial
period structures in the United
States.

Collector Defends PO In Cover Handling

The November issue of "HPO
Notes", the bulletin of the National
Highway Post Office Society, offers
some interesting comment for the
benefit of cover enthusiasts. It is
particularly pertinent to those who
collect the various service and event
material other than the usual first
day of issue offerings.

The unsatisfactory results occa-
sionally encountered are not all the
fault of the clerk on the job, ac-
cording to HPO collector Frank
DeLarm.

"I was in the middle of the last
trips of Boston & New York trains
500 and 501, and Portland and New
York trains 124 and 125," he report-
ed. "I think all who sent covers
received fairly good cancells; at
least, the clerks all knew what was
wanted."

"Honestly, after reading some of
the foolish requests the boys sent
with their covers, I don't wonder
the clerks often get things all fouled
up . . . Incidentally, I will never
call any clerks names again for
not giving good cancells - the (hand)
stamp they had to work with was
a mess."

Commenting on the privilege which
so many cover enthusiasts think
they would like to enjoy, he added:
"I was permitted to cancel my own
covers, and after making a mess of
six of them, I decided the clerks
could do a better job. It is no easy
matter to use that STEEL cancel
with an ink pad that must be 50
or more years old!"

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Serious students of United Na-
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NEW "GADABOUTS" CORNERED AND INDUCTED. During festivi-
ties at the October 4 annual ladies' night of the Roosevelt Philatelic
Society of Chicago, Ill. two prominent philatelic travelers were finally
cornered and formally inducted into the "Gadabouts" organization of
the group. In the above photograph chairman Clark Baker (standing)
has just inducted Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr. (left) and Ben Reeves
into membership. Mrs. Matejka is at the extreme left, Mrs. Reeves
in the center.



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Pakistan - Technical details of
the Revolution Day pair, released
October 27, are as follows: printed
in photogravure by De La Rue in
sheets of 80, size 29.25 x 34.5mm,
perf 13.1 x 12.8 comb. 10,000,000 of
the 2 anna and 500,000 of the 14a.
values were printed. (Pakistan Posts
and Telegraphs Department).

Great Britain - Stamps with phos-
phor lines on the face are now avail-
able in 1/2d, 1d and 2d coils, and 3/-,
4/6d and 5/- booklets. These experi-
mental stamps, used in connection
with an automatic facing machine,
are on sale only in the Southampton
area where similar stamps of various
values have been sold in sheet form
for the past eight months.

The 1/2d and 1d values are avail-
able in 480, 960 and 1920 coils. Coils
of the 2d are available only in one
size, 960. Orders should be sent to
the Divisional Controller, London
Postal Region, C. & T. Section, King
Edward Bldg., London, E.C.1. (Gen-
eral Post Office)

British Honduras - Two new sets
are planned for this Colony. The
first consisting of four values, 2, 3,
10 and 15c overprinted on the cur-
rent definitives, will commemorate
the New Constitution. The overprint
will be applied in black letters with
the words "New Constitution 1960".
Printing by Waterlow.

The second set will be a new de-
finitive issue now being prepared by
Harrison. Further details on both
will be forthcoming shortly. (Crown
Agents)

Mauritius - The Crown Agents
also announce a special issue of 10,
20, 35c and one Rupee values to
commemorate the sequi-centenary of
the Post Office under British Ad-
ministration.

Enschede of Holland will print the
stamps by the offset lithography pro-
cess in two colors on C.A. water-
marked paper, in horizontal format,
size 45 x 31.7mm perf to perf.

The common design includes the
Anagnoni portrait of the Queen with
the St. Edward's Crown and a por-
trait of King George III by Law-
rence, with his Crown.

We understand that many topical
collectors have become interested in
commemoratives honoring first pos-
tage stamps or Post Office anniver-
saries. How many British Com-
monwealth countries can you think
of?

Briefs - The St. Lucia postal cen-
tenary commemorative issue, 5, 16,
and 25c (amended values) was re-
leased December 18 in sheets of 50.
It will remain on sale for six months
or until stocks are exhausted.

Four more values of Johore's new
definitives were issued December 9.
All in sheets of 50, the 8c format is
vertical (10 x 5), and the 20c, 1 and
2 are horizontal (5 x 10). Equiva-
lent values of the existing set were
withdrawn December 8.

The Republic commemorative is-
sue of Cyprus was withdrawn No-
vember 15. New printings of Aden
stamps released on October 19 were
of the 5, 10, 35 and 50c values. New
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Seychelles from Harrison and for
Sierra Leone from Bradbury, Wilkin-
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1935 and 1934 issues, with Louis Calmette on the latter.

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Tuberculosis) introduced the first
Tuberculosis Seal Campaign to
France in the nature of an ex-
periment in one Department (count-
y) only: that of Meurthe-et-Moselle.
The year was 1925.

For this campaign the Rockefeller
Institute supplied 2,500,000 seals
(known as Type I), the designer
and printer of which are unknown.
So successful was the sale that an
additional 200,000 or more seals
were needed, these being printed
by the firm of Berger-Levrault (re-
ferred to as Type II).

In 1926 the campaign was extended
to seven Departments, and with
the 1927 issue the whole of Metro-
politan France and her overseas
possessions became participants in
the new idea.

From the beginning, the primary
aim of the TB seal drive in France
has been health education. With
this in mind the designs of the
seals each year have stressed
hygiene in general, and in later
years, specifically the fight against
TB.

Funds raised from the sale of
the seals are distributed as follows:
90% is retained by the Departmental
Tuberculosis Committees for mutual
aid and health education, while 10%
goes to the National Committee
against Tuberculosis.

In October 1945 a decree was
issued, reorganizing the fight against
the disease, with ministerial in-
structions governing the use of the
profits from the TB seals. Prior
to this time, the net profits were
used as follows:

B. C. G. vaccination of newly-born
children;

To plan and effect the organization
of tuberculosis dispensaries;

The improvement of social ser-
vices;

To provide additional beds in
existing sanatoria and preventoria;

To organize societies for the pro-
tection of children, offshoots of the
"Oeuvre Grancher", and the "Soci-
ety for the Placement of Small Chil-
dren in Families"; and, finally,

To increase the rate and number
of placements — the tuberculous
father in a sanatorium, the mother
in a Mothers' Home or Maternity
Clinic, the child in the appropriate
institution for its protection.

After the passing of the new law,
funds were put to these uses:

Health education in connection
with tuberculosis;

Assisting tuberculous patients and
their families; and

Occupational therapy and the so-
cial rehabilitation of cured or stabi-
lized cases.

The National Tuberculosis Com-
mittee of France acknowledges with
deep gratitude the help of two out-
standing men who served on their
committee: Louis Calmette and
Louis Forest. Mr. Calmette as as-
sistant director of the Institut Pas-
teur in Paris (1919-1933), and as
vice president of the French National
Anti-Tuberculosis Committee.

Mr. Forest, a talented journalist
and president of the propaganda
Sub-Committee of the National Anti-
Tuberculosis Committee, was one of

the main forces behind the seal
campaigns in France. These men
realized the great value and need
of health education.

To the collector of seals, the is-
sues of France offer a real chal-
lenge. There are "Departmental
Seals", on which appear the names
of the Departments in which they
were sold.

Although these Departments num-
ber 90 different, all of them did
not use their overprints on the
seals each year, so it is possible
to assemble such a collection. Some
of the French colonies also used
the overprint such as "Maroc" and
"Tunisie".

From 1925 through 1948 seals were
printed in both sheet and booklet
form, with advertisements of private
firms appearing on the outer mar-
gins of the sheets from 1928, and
(beginning in 1929) on the margins
of the booklet panes.

Such ads as "Fly-Tox", Nestle's
products, soaps, toothpastes, and
milk, all tying in more or less with
health measures, add another angle
of interest to the collector.

Windshield stickers which are
facsimiles of the seals themselves
have been issued since 1928, rang-
ing in value from five up to 1000
francs.

Several years offer as many as
three different types since there
were several printings, and the
booklet covers themselves make
quite an outstanding collection. Since
there are always many questions
regarding the types of the 1925 and
1926 issues, the following detailed
information is offered:

The 1925 issue is known as "L'In-
firmière", representing the visiting
nurse. It shows a nurse, child and
shield with double-barred cross. The
name of society is in black at bot-
tom, with "Pour la Santé" in red
beneath this.

Between the design and the name
of society is a heavy red bar having
a black frame line at bottom and
ends only. Colors are gray, carmine
and black. This is known as Type I.

Type II has the red bar complete-
ly framed by the black line, and
colors are tan, carmine and black.

Dr. Laennec, inventor of the
stethoscope, is honored on the issue
of 1926 (the centenary of his death),
and in this issue we find a number
of colors in the printings. They
exist as blue and dark carmine,
blue and orange red, violet brown
and carmine, violet and orange red,
dark brown and carmine, and dark
brown and orange red.

The blue and dark carmine came
in sheets and booklets, while the
other blue issue seems to have been
in booklet only. Those of the violet
and brown shades seem to have
been in sheets.

With the exception of the 1925
issue, all the seals of France have
been printed by the Delrieu firm.
A list of the annual issues with their
design or theme titles in French,
along with a literal translation of
same, and the names of the de-
signers follows. There were no seals
issued 1940 through 1943.

1925 — L'Infirmière, Visiting Nurse
and Child, designer and printer
unknown; 1926 — Dr. Laennec, de-
signed taken from photograph, this
and all subsequent issues were
printed by the Delrieu plant; 1927
— Baiser au Soleil (A Kiss to the
Sun), A. Faivre; 1928 — Vivre
(Life), Faivre; 1929 — De La Lu-
mière (Out in the Sunshine), Guil-
lonnet.

1930 — Propreté (Cleanliness),
Vila; 1931 — De L'Air Pur (Fresh
Air), R. Vincent; 1932 — Joie de
Vivre (Joy of Life), Vincent; 1933
— Jeux et Santé (Fitness through
Sports), Plumereau; 1934 — Louis

Calmette, H. Cheffer; 1935 — Mieux
Vaut Prévenir (Prevention is Best),
Cheffer.

1936 — La Défense Contre la
Tuberculose, Faivre; 1937 — Sauve!
(Save the Children), Wilquin; 1938
— Net et Propre (Neat and Clean),
R. Serres; 1939 — Espoir (Hope),
Wilquin; 1940-43 no seals were printed.
When resumed all designs
through 1950 were also created by
Wilquin.

1944 — Combattre la Tuberculose
C'est Servir le Pays (Fighting TB
is Serving the Country); 1945 —
Renaître (Rebirth); 1946 — Propreté
et Santé (Cleanliness and Health);
1947 — Guéri Je Travaile
(I'm Cured, and Back at Work).

1948 — Le B. C. G. Protège Contre
la Tuberculose (B. C. G. Protects
You Against TB); 1949 — Tot De-
piste Vite Guéri (Early Discovery,
Early Recovery); 1950 — Sans Repos
pas de Guérison (No Cure without
Rest).

1951 — Villemin, Decaris; 1952 —
Le Dispensaire (In The Dispensary),
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A single average design with a range of three values made up the 1939 Rene Caillie sets for eight French West African Colonies. The trio for the Ivory Coast also exists without the Colony name in the lower panel. Who Caillie was, and what he accomplished in his 39 years of life over a century ago are the subject of the author's presentation.

"Truth Stranger Than Fiction" Again Demonstrated By Study Of France's Caillie Colonials

W. J. Connelly

Within the hobby of stamp collecting, there are many instances of the old saying that "truth is stranger than fiction". One outstanding example is one of the specialties within the French African Colonials—the Rene Caillie issue of 1939.

It consists of three values—90c, 2 francs and 2.35fr.—for each of the following colonies in French West Africa: Gabon, Togo, French Sudan, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Senegal, French Guinea, and Dahomey.

Unspectacular in appearance, it is unimaginative in design with a bust portrait of Rene Caillie in front of a rough map of French West Africa.

Maintaining its almost lusterless approach was the choice of the three colors, officially described as orange brown and orange, bright(?) violet, and ultramarine and deep blue, which were used to distinguish the three values of the issue.

Nothing, at least from surface appearances, makes this stamp issue stand out and say, "Pay attention to me!" It was just another set of stamps... and so it seemed to me at the time.

Back in 1939, I bought mint singles and dutifully mounted them in my album and went back to the constant pursuit of the elusive early issues of the French African Colonies (they still plague me!) and also the new issues.

For five years I forgot the Caillie issue and never gave it a second glance as I would leaf through my album on a cold, winter night.

Suddenly, a serious operation changed the picture for me and, as time hung heavy on my hands while recovering, I started to make a systematized study of the background of the stamps of my French African Colonies. (What's an Irishman doing, getting all wrapped up in African French Colonies?)

Suddenly a whole new world of interest unfolded before me, filled with a treasure of interesting historical facts and philatelic lore. And what issue do you think first caught my interest and fired the greatest amount of curiosity?

You're right! It was the Rene Caillie issue. Why? It was the almost incredible story of the youngish man who looks somberly out at us from the stamps of the Caillie issue which honor the African explorer.

Behind the drab appearing issue that commemorates the 100th anniversary of Caillie's death lies the story of a dedicated man who set his course in life, literally, from childhood and then made it happen against odds that can conservatively be considered fantastic!

In fact, the true story of his life would be unacceptable as fiction. Were Hollywood to pick it up and attempt to make a movie of it, about 50% of the true facts would have to be cut so that the film could be believable as a "picture".

Here are only a few of these details: Caillie, born in France in 1799 and orphaned early in life, was a shoemaker's apprentice at the age of 15. He also had just one ambition, to be an explorer.

Despite no education to speak of and no scientific training, by the time he was 28 years old, he had penetrated the heart of darkest Africa and become the first European to enter the almost legendary city of Timbuktu... and to leave it alive and in one piece.

Not only that, but on the way out of Timbuktu back to the coast, he decided not to go back the way he had come but to cross the Sahara Desert—and did. In spite of his light skin and apparent lack of suitable facial characteristics, he successfully passed himself off as an Arab.

Courting death daily, he professed to be a Moslem. He made the vital and voluminous notes of his journey on the back of the pages of the Koran, the Moslem equivalent of the Bible.

For years, well financed expeditions, led by outstanding scientists and skilled explorers had been turned back or killed in their efforts to enter the heart of Africa and now, one untrained and unskilled man decided to explore this unknown land and did, alone.

Not only did he cover the thousands of miles all without the assistance of an expedition, but his transportation was limited to his feet, infrequently a canoe, and sometimes a camel.

One interesting turn in Caillie's life story is that instead of dying in poverty after returning to France, as one might expect as a wind-up to his unusual life, he was awarded 10,000 gold francs by the Geographical Society in Paris. Thereupon, he got married, wrote his journal of his trip, and had five children, before he died in 1838 at the age of 39.

Now, an unusual story, such as is illustrated by the few facts just given, puts the stamps which commemorate the individual that accomplished them in a different light. As a result, I also started to dig into the philatelic aspects of these stamps. And that is when I really started to work.

The facts about Caillie came from hours and days in a library. The philatelic facts are taking years, but I love it. Here, indeed, is a labor of love.

Now there are 50 pages of notes and reference materials as applied to the use of the Rene Caillie issue. Not just who the artist was who designed the stamp, but who else was in the competition on the design, is part of the information that goes into the sheets of reference.

Types of cancellations, town cancellations, covers, errors, and proofs—all these areas have invited exploration. I'm in the middle of all of them and not one of them is completely finished.

I must admit that I have a few dozen or so exhibition pages already battle-scarred from jousting with some of the rare classics. However, we believe in the "little drops of water and the little grains of sand" technique, so we just keep adding... and hoping that the classics remain static.

"Every dog will have its day", the old saying goes, and while we certainly do not think that the Rene

Caillie issue is a dog, we think that it, too, may have its day.

Certainly it will not be as a rarity, because there was total of 14,835,000 stamps printed for the eight colonies, which averages out to 1,854,370 per colony. This is again divided by the three different values.

One further factor enters the picture when we are aware, that the 90c Caillie stamps of Mauritania and Senegal were used, surcharged with new values (15, 20 and 50fr.) for the 1944 issue of French West Africa. Still with all these factors, there should be no occasion for the stamp to reach the status of "rare" in the next 25 years.

It could pick up added interest to a great many collectors because of the colorful history that lies behind Caillie, the man for whom the stamp was issued, just as it did for me. Definitely, I owe this stamp a great deal.

Interest in it took me out of the collector-accumulator ranks and opened up the proper perspective to my favorite hobby. It has not meant much to my over-all collection in value—it's almost a toss-up as
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At least one of the many secrets of the late philatelic counterfeiter Jean de Sperati has been exposed by the Cuban expert Ricardo Del Campo, Obispo 518, Havana. "Collectors will surely be interested in this little-known fact about Spanish stamps," he suggested. "A recent book on Sperati explained that he got genuine paper for some of his fakes by bleaching out certain cheap adhesives, then added that in one case involving a mint item he had been able to preserve the original gum."
 Mr. Campo, knowing his Spanish area emissions, offers a better explanation. Some 19th century issues were printed in large sheets composed of panes of 60, 80 and 60 side by side, with stamp-width gutters between. Perforations carry through the gutters, so that each sheet provides two vertical rows of ten, full stamp size, perf all around—fully gummed!
 In addition, the fully gummed, wide margins provide paper for 80-100 more fakes which could be perforated to suit the manipulator. Mr. Campo supplied such a full sheet of the Cuban 5c emerald of 1895 to illustrate his point.

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of Seigne (1623-1696), adapted from a pastel portrait at the Musee Carnavalet in Paris (France No. 642).

Another is his portrait of Jean Baptiste Colbert (1619-1683), famous statesman, founder of the Gobelins factory, and establisher of the French marine.

Colbert, patron of art and literature, was honored in 1944 in a series of semipostals (B183) issued for the benefit of the National Relief Fund.

Jean Francois de Troy (1679-1752) was the son of a portrait painter and a spontaneous artist. He decorated many wealthy homes, painted "conversation pictures" of scenes of gallantry, and designed tapestries. His portrait of the architect Jules Hardouin-Mansart (1645-1708) is shown on a semipostal issued in 1944 (B180).

Jean Antoine Watteau (1684-1721) is another famous French painter shown on French stamps. His portrait, by Francois Boucher (Museum Conde, Chateau de Chantilly) appears on B240 issued in 1949 in a series honoring 18th century artists. His painting of "The Actor Gilles", in the Louvre appears on semipostal B310 issued in 1956 as a Red Cross stamp. This painting is unbelievably fresh and warm after all these years.

Joseph Vivien (1657-1735), on whom we have been unable to find any biographical information, produced a portrait of Francois de Salignac de la Mothe-Fenelon (1651-1715) now in the Munich Museum. It was used in 1947 for the regular stamp issued in honor of this famous prelate and writer, best known for "Telemaque", the adventures of the son of Ulysses in search of a father (No. 586).

Jean Baptiste Santerre (1658-1717) represents admirably the transition between the end of the reign of Louis XIV and the first years of the Regency. His portrait of Jean Racine, (1639-1699) the famous dramatist, was the subject in 1949 of a regular issue (No. 629).

A better known painting is "Susanna Bathing", and Santerre led a pleasant existence as official portrait painter for the ladies of the court of Louis XV. The stamp portrait is in the gallery of the Comte de Naurois. The stamp commemorated the 350th anniversary of the death of Racine.

Hyacinth Rigaud (1659-1743), like Santerre, carries on from the elegance of the period of Louis XIV to the rococo of Louis XV. He produced a gallery of portraits of writers and artists of the period, a number of which have been used for stamp designs.

His portrait of Louis XIV (1638-1715), adapted from a painting in the Palais de Versailles, was used in 1944 (B184). That of Jacques Benigne Bossuet (1627-1704), Bishop of Meux, now in the Louvre, was used

in 1954 (B286) for one of a series for National Relief; and his painting of the Marquis de Vauban (1633-1707), Marshall of France and a famous engineer, was another National Relief issue in 1955 (B296).

Switzerland used Rigaud's portrait of Lt. Gen. Frannois de Raynold for a stamp design in 1941 (No. 277), and Monaco used a Rigaud portrait of Antoine I for a Charity semipostal (B30) in 1939.

Quentin de la Tour (1712-1778) was a master at pastel portraits. Many of his works are assembled in the Musee St. Quentin. His self-portrait was used by France in 1957 (B314) as part of a Red Cross set.

His portraits of Francois Marie Arouet (1694-1778), better known as Voltaire, writer and philosopher, and Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), writer, essayist and philosopher, were used respectively in 1949 (B239) and 1956 (813) for stamp designs.

Louis Michel Van Loo (1707-1771), of an artist family, specialized in portraits. His painting of Etienne-Francois, Duc de Choiseul (1719-1785), General Superintendent of Posts and Highways under Louis XV, is now in the Museum at Versailles. It appears to have been the source of the design of semipostal No. B237 issued in 1949 to commemorate Stamp Day.

Jean Baptiste Greuze (1725-1805) was a genre and portrait painter who left many delicate and attractive paintings.

His exquisite child portrait, "Graf Stroganoff as a Boy" was used by Saar in 1952 (B92) on a National Relief stamp; and his "Jeune Fille aux Colombes" is shown on a 1954 French Red Cross stamp. The former painting is in the Besancon Museum; the latter, in the Louvre.

Joseph Ducreux (1737-1802), French portrait and miniature painter, was the only pupil of Quentin de la Tour. His portrait of Marquis Joseph Francois Dupleix (1697-1763) governor-general of the French establishment in India, was used in 1949 as part of a set of semipostals issued to honor 18th century figures, for National Relief (B242).

In the same set, Ducreux's portrait in the Chateau de Lanthuail of Anne Robert Jacques Turgot, Baron de Laune (1727-1781), statesman and economist, was included (B243).

Jacques Louis David (1748-1825), primarily a history painter, also was court painter to Napoleon until his overthrow. David's own self-portrait was used in 1950 for a National Relief Fund semipostal (B250). His painting of the "Oath on the Tennis Court", a cartoon of which is in the Louvre, was adapted in 1930 for a regular postage stamp (No. 388) commemorating the 150th anniversary of the French Revolution.

Also, his portrait of Antoine Laurent Lavoisier (1743-1794) on a 1943 issue (No. 464) has been traced to his "Portrait of M. et Mme. Lavoisier" in the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York.
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The French Airmails

Ralph E. Lombardi

What first attracted me to French stamps was the beauty of their design and the beauty of the engraving on many of them. Also I have a tremendous affection for France and everything that fascinating country represents.

There can be little dispute that French stamps are among the most attractive adhesives ever produced. Their artistic qualities are not denied by most collectors, and the airmails certainly help to justify this opinion.

Not many French airmails have been produced and only a few of them are very expensive, hence they are relatively easy to collect. Nor have many errors and varieties been discovered, although undoubtedly much work is yet to be done in this field.

Let us take the issues as they appeared and look at a few of the interesting facts concerning them: You might call the stamps used on mail carried by balloons in 1870-71 airmail stamps. Properly speaking, though, they are not, for they were not issued for this purpose and hence do not fall within the purview of this article.

We shall start with Scott Nos. C1 and C2. These are generally considered the first French airmails although they were really the regular issue of 1900-20 showing a figure of Liberty sitting down and Peace symbolized by an olive branch. The stamps are in the shape of a horizontal rectangle as are, incidentally, almost all French airmail adhesives.

The 2 francs orange and blue is overprinted in blue "Poste Aérienne" with an airplane. The 5f. dark blue and buff has the same overprint in black. These were sold only at the International Aviation Exhibition at Marseilles in June 1927. One pair could be purchased by each holder of an admission ticket.

Excellent counterfeits exist, so collectors should be particularly careful when acquiring used copies.

Scott C3 and C4 were stamps of 1926-27 showing Marcelin Berthelot, chemist and statesman, and Louis Pasteur with a surcharge of 19 francs. They were issued on board the steamer "Ile-de-France" in 1928.

An experiment was made to carry mail from an incoming liner to the shore by plane, and the Ile-de-France was designated to carry it out from

ship to shore off New York City. The French Consul-General in New York City authorized the issue, and the stamps were overprinted and used to prepay letters carried in this novel manner.

The French postal authorities refused to recognize the issue for some time. These stamps on cover are now an extremely desirable collector's item.

The first one can be found with the surcharge reversed. Those with the double base line 8mm below the figure "10" in the surcharge instead of the usual 6mm sell at a much higher premium. This stamp was printed in sheets of 50 (10 x 5) and only the five stamps in the ninth row had the wider spacing. Forgeries exist, so beware!

The next series appeared in 1930 and are generally considered the first normally issued airmails of France, or, to put it another way, they are the first definitive airmails of France.

They show a plane over Marseilles (again we see the importance of Marseilles as France's leading port and hence a major link with the outside world, especially France's colonies in North Africa).

The new airmail rate of 1.50fr. was the denomination. They were issued in carmine, ultramarine and blue and are all of the same rather unattractive design. Scott lists them as C5, C6, C6a and C6b; Sanabria as 5, 6, 6a, 7, 7a and 7b.

The carmine was issued for a special flight that carried air post at the Vincennes aviation meeting. It was used later a great deal for regular airmail postage.

The second issue is the most interesting, showing the same stamp in ultramarine with punched initials "EIPA 30". This is the only stamp of France, if not the whole world,

that Scott lists with punched initials. They stand for "Exposition Internationale de Poste Aérienne", the International Air Post Exhibition that was held November 6 - 20 in 1930. These punches can be found inverted or reversed due to folding before punching.

These stamps were sold at face value plus 5f. which represented the price of an admission ticket to the exhibition. For this reason, at least one distinguished aerophilatelist feels this issue can be considered semi-postal although some authorities disagree with this view.

The third variety of this design appeared a year later in blue, not ultramarine, and the impression is not quite as clear. It was used for a number of years, hence it is rather common. On all three issues the date of printing was stamped in the lower right corner of the sheet, hence various shades can be traced by date.



In 1934 France decided to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first flight across the English Channel. The pilot had been Louis Bleriot and the stamp shows his monoplane (Scott C7).

The year 1936 was a very fertile one for French airmails, for no less than ten different stamps made their debut! They are in three sets, Scott C8-14, C15 and C16-17.

Nos. C8-14 run from 85c. to 50fr., and all show the same design, a "modern" (for that time) plane over Paris. However the plane, as pictured, couldn't really fly, for the artist left out both the rudder and tail fin, or vertical stabilizer as the latter is sometimes called.

The 50fr. emerald is relatively scarce, especially in the darker shade, but it has appeared frequently in recent New York auction sales.

Scott C15 pictures a similar monoplane flying over a similar shot of Paris, but the surrounding design is quite different. It is very ornate and delightfully old-fashioned.

As is its immediate predecessor it is in the 50fr. denomination, thus is also seldom used and relatively scarce. It is interesting to note that C15 is perforated 12 1/2 whereas all other French stamps printed originally for airmail use are perforated 13.

The third 1936 set of two, Scott C16-17, shows an airplane flying over a galleon that is weathering a rocky ocean and an airplane over a globe. They commemorated the 100th airmail flight across the South Atlantic by the French postal service.

Between May 12 and 14, 1930 Jean Mermoz made the first successful flight from Paris to Rio de Janeiro in a hydroplane, as a pioneer in behalf of Air France, the French national air line. A cover signed by Mermoz and actually flown in this plane is in a famous collection.

It is interesting to note that the well-known French Catalog, Yvert and Tellier, does not list these two as airmails. Actually Yvert seems to list as airs only those French stamps which carry the phrase "Poste Aérienne". This phrase does not appear on Scott C16-17.

By the way, in 1937 France issued two commemoratives picturing Jean Mermoz which are not listed by Scott or Yvert as airs although Thiaud, another French catalog, does list them as such. Several other French commemoratives are also grouped with the airmails by Thiaud only.

After the splurge of ten airs in 1936, France waited a decade before bringing out new designs for airmail postage. In 1946 and 1947 a set of four appeared depicting well-known mythological figures flying in the sky with planes around them.

This set introduces the 100fr. and 200fr. denominations. During the intervening years France had undergone a serious inflation which has continued up to this day. The year 1947 also saw the appearance of a larger sized airmail stamp, Scott C22, in the 500fr. denomination! A dove with spread wings flying over the Ile de la Cite in the heart of Paris was used to commemorate the 12th Congress of the Universal Postal Union.

This is a charming stamp, designed and engraved by the famous

French artist, Pierre Gandon. It is considered one of the finest examples of his work.

Scott C23 to C28 appeared in 1949 and 1950. The vignettes are air views of leading French cities — Lille, Bordeaux, Lyons, Marseilles, and two of Paris. One of the latter introduces the 1000fr. denomination for the first time.

Typical of air views of European cities, they show the absence of skyscrapers and the importance and predominance of cathedrals in European skylines. We can also see that four of the five cities are on a river; the fifth is on the Mediterranean.

The 1000fr. Paris stamp is exceptionally beautiful — line engraved and printed in two colors on bluish, handmade granite paper. It is an excellent example of the use of graduated shadows to heighten engraved lines, a technique used in recent French stamps.

Only five bridges are shown in this scene of Paris — there are actually six. One has been left out, probably so that the design would be less cluttered. In fact, this has been cited as an example of a stamp with "too much subject" in a best-selling book on stamp collecting, but in my opinion it is a magnificent work of art.

This 1000fr. beauty is still not difficult to find but its catalog evaluation is jumping by leaps and bounds. It has almost doubled in value during the past year.

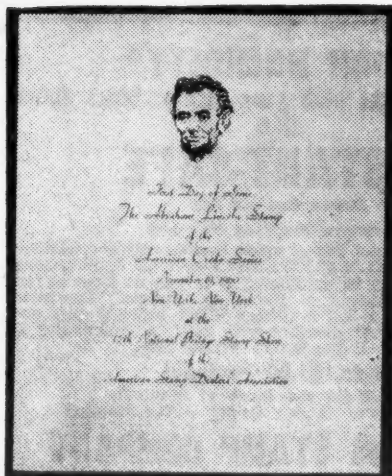
The next set appeared in 1954, Nos. C29-32. These show prototypes of modern jet planes. It is a lovely series with a simple and striking design. Each stamp is in two colors and the taste shown in the choice and combination of colors is remarkable indeed.

The famous French aviator Maryse Bastie died in 1952. Three years later his country immortalized him on Scott C33 which shows him with his plane. It is in deep plum with a delightful shade of rose pink. It is a stamp which I enjoy looking at over and over again. Incidentally, it has risen rapidly in value and is still rising.

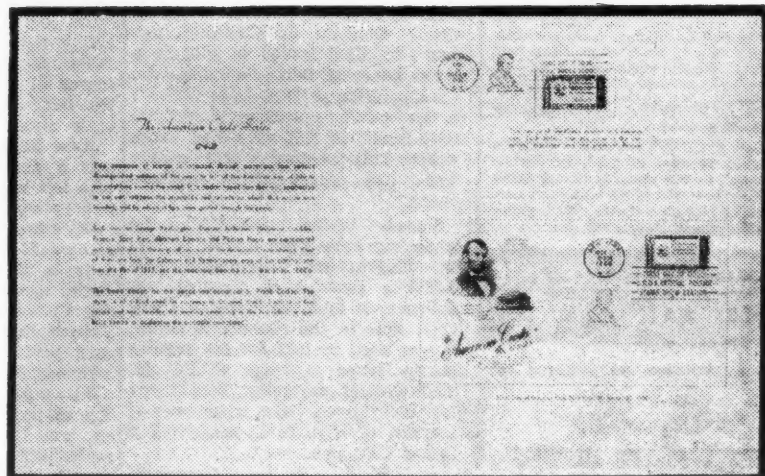
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"The '2' that played hookey" from the Washington Press album ad in Linn's big ASDA issue has caused a lot of trouble for such a little object, collectors who ordered Vatican Part II from that ad are advised. The accidental dropping of that digit rendered the correct \$2.75 price just \$2 too low. Persons who contemplate ordering from this ad please note.

A new system for saving and indexing stock stamps is the file now offered by the Stamp Stock File Co., 18-33 41st St., Astoria 5, N. Y. at \$3.50 postpaid. The first designed especially for collectors, it can hold a large stock with every item readily visible and accessible. Stamps can be indexed by country, date of issue, subject, or otherwise as desired.

A double-barrelled offer to collectors of Swiss material is made by Riviera Stamps, Box 971, Santa Barbara, Calif. First, the firm's new 1961 price list of 20th century Swiss commem sets will be sent free on request to interested collectors on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope. With it the firm's monthly bulletin will be included, for a period of six months.

Customers and correspondents of L. J. Horowitz, Box 247, Sunnyvale, Calif. are requested to allow a little extra time for handling orders and mail during the next two weeks. His office will be closed December 12-January 3 while he makes a vacation trip to Mexico—with an eye well open for any attractive Latin American material he might encounter along the way.

A useful 16-page listing of U.S. commemoratives from the Columbians to date is offered at \$1 postpaid by Stephen N. Crocker, 15 Fresh Pond Lane, Cambridge 38, Mass. In handy 6 1/4 x 4 size, paper bound, it shows in alphabetical order each issue, the date of appearance, the denomination, and catalog number as assigned by Scott, Minkus and Yvert & Tellier.

"It can't happen again until the year 6009," guarantees Arttopages, 426 Lueke Ave., Woodville, Ohio in describing a novelty "plate block seal" the firm has issued to welcome the New Year. Featuring the "1961" date in the center, with captions printed around the edges, the design reads the same whether top or bottom up. "Blocks" are 10¢ each from the firm.

"The old reliable" is now on the market in its fourth edition 1961 — the Stanley Gibbons, Inc. price list of U. S., Possessions, Hawaii, Philippines, and BNA. Long widely accepted as a net retail guide by dealers and collectors alike, the new printing is strictly up to par; price 25¢ from the firm at 38 Park Row, New 38, N. Y. A full year's subscription is 75¢.

FRENCH AIRMAILS
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came out in denominations of 300, 500, and 1000fr. and was reissued a year ago in New Francs (3, 5 and 10fr.).

As some of you may know, France is notorious for her semipostals — she has probably found more excuses to issue charity stamps than any other nation in the world. So naturally she would also attempt air semipostals! But apparently the experiment was short-lived, for only one such set has appeared:

In 1948, Scott CBI-3 were issued to help French mutual aid. The first two honor air heroes Antoine de St. Exupery and Col. Jean Dagnaux. The third shows a modern

Precancel NEWS

Kenneth M. Gierhart
121 E. Cliff St.
Baltimore, Ohio

I have my Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia states mounted now, and am going to start on Wisconsin next. In the October issue of the "Buckeye" there were the corrections to the Ohio section of the list. In the Forum I noticed those for Virginia. If there is enough interest I will publish them as they come up. As I have stated before, I have most of the state catalogs. They mainly belong to the Central Ohio Precancel club, but I have permission to use them to check out types for collectors when they are stuck on some problem or other.

I cannot make extensive checks on a great number of items, of course. One other thing — in the large cities such as New York, Chicago and Philadelphia where there are numerous rubber hand-stamps of great similarity I will not try to expertize them.

These items simply can not be definitely pinned down, and it's just a waste of time to try. I shall comment on this more at a later date.

Hydrofoil Mail Start Held Back By Canada

The inauguration of hydrofoil passenger service between Bellingham, Wash. and Victoria, B. C. is still awaiting the "go" signal from Canadian Customs authorities. The Italian-built "Flying Fish" and several hundred bicolored cacheted covers for the first trip are standing by.

A local stamp group is sponsoring the cachet which shows a picture of the unusual surface-skimming boat with suitable descriptive caption. Covers are priced at 15¢ each, and collectors may enclose regular or peelable address labels.

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plane silhouetted against Clement Ader's "Eole" plane which had been constructed 50 years earlier. (In 1938 France had issued two stamps commemorating Clement Ader which Thiaude lists as airmails, but Scott does not).



Several other semipostals may also be of interest, especially to aerophilatists. Scott B130, issued in 1942, looks like an airmail stamp but really is not one.

In fact, it looks more like an airmail than many of the airmails themselves do, showing three planes flying over fields. Moreover, the surtax was used for the benefit of French airmen and their families.

A semipostal night plane stamp was issued in 1959 for the Day of the Stamp March 21st, to publicize night airmail service. The surtax in this case went to the Red Cross. Last year France issued a 20fr. commemorative picturing the test pilots Charles Goujon and Col. Constantin Rozanoff which Thiaude alone lists with the airmails.

Whether or not such a stamp should be regarded as an airmail does not really matter very much, from a practical point of view, for all French stamps can be used for airmail postage provided they add up to the right amount, and all French airmails can be used for ordinary postage.

Most of these magnificent specimens of postal art can also be saved in forms which are not intended for postal use, such as imperforates, essays, die proofs, color proofs, and deluxe proofs (special printings).

These are generally not listed in American catalogs but can be found in the leading French listings. First day covers can also be saved. They are listed in French catalogs as having an official cachet since 1951.

NOTES

Harold Groth of Los Gatos, Calif. has a pair of 1 1/2¢ Prexy Bureaus, sheet stamps, of the Kansas City, Mo. narrow B-15 type (Gunesch Style K, Noble No. 372, Gunesch K69).

The imprint is so off-center to the right that the "K" of Kansas comes right in the perfs between the stamps. That's an odd ball for you freak collectors.

Mr. Groth also has what looks like an old time Local type from Wyomissing, Pa. It's on the 6¢ perf 12 issue — I didn't check the exact Scott number. The type looks like a U-68. I'd like for the Pennsylvania experts to look this one over.

The only flaw I find in it is that the complete town name would not go on the stamp normally, it would be too long. This imprint reads up and part of it didn't quite make it.

So my guess — although it looks like the U-68 illustration in the style chart — is that it is just another cancellation.

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CANADA ANNOUNCES
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the planning stage to actual production.

The Eskimo people, he added, are to share in the northern opportunities through an expanded educational and vocational program. The formation of Eskimo cooperatives has demonstrated the value of neglected natural resources and resulted in new industries.

In the cultural field the Eskimos have been encouraged to express their unique artistic talents not only in the traditional stone sculpture but also in the new art form of stone and sealskin prints.

The new stamp was designed by B. J. Reddie of Ottawa, who received his training at Toronto Central Technical School. Mr. Reddie is a member of the Canadian Army and has made his home in the capital since 1944.

PMG Hamilton added that the Post Office Department would be happy to cooperate with industries interested in the Northland who wish to arrange for special "first day cover" service with the new stamp. Such industries he said, should contact the Post Office Director of Financial Services at Ottawa.

Collectors interested in purchasing stamps by mail or in ordering first day covers should clip the following instructions and file them for ready reference in the future. Directions are given for each type of service; they must be followed carefully.

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This FDC service is available only at Ottawa.

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Orders to be returned by registered mail must include an additional 30c registration prepayment fee.

Covers will not be returned in bulk under an outside cover.

Orders for first day cover service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Remarks or inquiries not related directly to the order

for first day covers should be written on a separate piece of paper.

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The Postmaster, Ottawa, cannot guarantee to supply plate blocks of four which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits. The Philatelic Section will not handle first day covers.

The postage rate on first-class mail for delivery in north and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5c. The first-class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. The fee required for registration is 20c additional. To avoid having covers spoiled by postage due marking sufficient postage must be prepaid on each.

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Orders for the stamp in selected mint condition sent to the Philatelic Section will be filled and returned at the earliest possible date after the first day of issue.

Plate numbers will be supplied on the basis of one for each ten stamps ordered. Usually, only one plate number (No. 1) is printed.

Remittances should be made by means of postal money order or bank draft in Canadian funds, payable to "Receiver General of Canada". Patrons from countries other than Canada or the United States should forward remittances by means of an International Money Order. Postal Notes cannot be accepted.

Registration fee and surface mail postage are paid by the Canadian POD on mint stamp orders from Canada and the United States.

FRANCE AND COLONIES
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of permanent reference value, six times a year.

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EDITORIAL
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number can look back thirty or thirty-five years and recall the leaders of that period. Even for thirty to thirty-five years there are not many left who were active then, but among them is Mr. Adolph Gunesch and his Gunesch Precancel House of Chicago, Ill. I am of the opinion that he is today the oldest in the trade in point of years in business. In the past I have congratulated Mr. Gunesch and have pointed out that he has done much for the hobby of Precancel collecting because of the fact that he was among the earliest of the dealers to put Precancel collecting on a sound basis. Even yet a great many collectors of precancels depend almost wholly on swapping with other collectors. There was a time when this was quite popular with other stamps, but the cash buying and selling has done more to promote value in your stamp collections than anything else. It has put Precancels on a sounder basis just as it has put choice stamps on a sound basis.

Today Mr. Gunesch has his son associated with him in business and it is thus apparent that the name of Gunesch will continue to be one of the best known in the stamp world.

G. Stone, colonial specialist and philatelic writer.

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Among the special attractions of the club is the annual "Stephen G. Rich Memorial Contest". This is an annual competitive contest which brings out much new research. The club also holds an annual dinner as a get-together for all members.

The resident members meet the first Tuesday of each month at The Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City at 8 p.m.

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CAILLIE COLONIALS
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The beauty of it is, the list keeps changing and it makes possible an ever-changing pattern of interests as new people or new subjects come within range of my pen, my toms, my magnifier, and my time.

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EXHIBITION DATES

Jan. 21—Bison Philatelic Society, Kensington, ME Church, 440 Leroy Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Jan. 28-29—Dearborn Stamp Club, Recreation Center, Hoger and Michigan Sts., Dearborn, Mich.

Feb. 18-19—Dayton Philatelic Society, The Loretto, 125 W. 1st St., Dayton, Ohio.

More Stamps Due For Gaza Strip

Bruce Conde

The precedent established when the 10 mills olive green Pharaoh Rameses II UAR Southern Region regular was issued recently with the definitive country name "Palestine" engraved into the design at the top, is being continued.

The Gaza Strip administration of that part of Palestine issued, on October 15, the 5m. gray UAR-Egypt "Industry" definitive in violet with the "Palestine" country name at the top.

It is presumed that all of the most-needed postal values and possibly some of the airmails will be so issued in the future, to replace the "Palestine" overprint provisionals in use up to now.

At the same time, it was announced that on December 10 the two-value World Refugee Year set in the "Palestine Refugee" design already released by both UAR regions and the federated state of Yemen, would be issued by Palestine.

The colors would be different from those of the UAR and Yemen stamps but denominations would be the same 10 and 35m. values as the UAR Southern Region, whose currency is in use in the strip.

This release does not conflict with the Cairo Philatelic Office announcement that the November 14 second UNESCO stamp appealing for assistance in saving the Nubian Monuments would be the last UAR-Egypt commemorative of the current year.

Palestine is considered an entirely separate country not united or federated with UAR in any way. It is merely administered by UAR cadres representing the nearest independent Arab government having the means and facilities, including postal services, of maintaining independent Arab rule in Palestine.

Unlike Jordan, which claims to have incorporated the east-central parts of Palestine into the Jordanian kingdom, and thus does not permit the use of Palestine definitive stamps there, the UAR considers itself merely as a trustee, and not as sovereign, in the Palestinian Gaza strip. Thus the logic behind the new definitives and commemoratives of Palestine.

CHARITY SEAL
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anniversary of TB Seals), Serres; 1955 — Preserver (Preserve), Serres; 1956 — Vous Guerir! (You are Cured!), Serres; 1957 — Reprends Ta Place (Return to Your Place), Lemagny; 1958 — B. C. G. Notre Salut! (B. C. G. through Salvation), Serres; and 1959 — Savoir Se Protéger (Knowledge is Protection), designer not yet known.

In closing it is only proper that mention be made of Lucien Viborel, a specialist in France on the Tuberculosis Seal and in public health education, who has produced eight different "works" on the TB Seals.

His last booklet, "The Wonderful Story of the Christmas Seal", (1954) was published on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first Christmas seal (Denmark). This work was used as a reference work for some of the historical facts of this story.

Acknowledgement is due also to Dick Green ("Green's Catalog of the Tuberculosis Seals of the World"), and to the French National Anti-Tuberculosis Committee.

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One facility of interest to many fields of specialization deals with deciphering obscure postmarks where such imprints appear in part over a cachet.

Full details of the groups operations and benefits will be supplied by Mr. Holmes on receipt of 20c. His address is 1501 29th St., Des Moines 11, Iowa.

Philatelic Section In Ft. Lauderdale Library

The Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. public library has announced the opening of a philatelic section wherein files of related books, publications and catalogs will be kept.

Joseph F. Bush, Austrian specialist now residing in the city, is the

principal sponsor of the new facility. Material in any language will be accepted, and a special section will be maintained for auction catalogs.

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